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Dear Charles,

I presume you have some kind of file for which this is appropriate. It relates to some disorder in the files you will get but not, to the best of my knowledge to any of the files of originals of the government documents I got under FOIA.

I had a surprise visit day before yesterday from a couple of the men I've known as soldier-of-fortune types, initially as participants in violent anti-Castro activities, Gerald Patrick Hemming and Roy Hargraves. Yesterday I recorded a few notes on what they'd said about themselves and others who had participated in such activities one of whom is Brian Eugene Hall, known, among other things, as Lorenzo Pascillio, what they called "war names." I had had fairly extensive contacts with Hall and once taped three days of an interview with him when he was a patient in a veterans' hospital. He got to like and trust me and he even asked me to sit with and counsel with him when he testified before the House committee on assassination, which I declined to do. But when I went there he created a scene by leaving the witness chair, before the committee entered the hearing room, and going back to where I sat to greet me warmly. I had a fairly extensive file on Hall. Although I now have no clear recollection ~~of~~ what was in it, it did include some notes and photographs. I do ^{not} now recall if the tapes were in that file or are in the boxes of tapes I have in the basement.

I made a copy of what I wrote to place in the Hall file and I found none in my office files. I was, of course, surprised. So I checked the overflow and dead files in the basement and there is no Hall file there, at least not where it should be.

After my first thrombosis surgery the complications limited the amount of standing at all that is safe and is not uncomfortable for me. From time to time I hired Hood students to work part-time on the files and such things. With a single exception there were good workers and most were better than average. There was one, however, who was a disaster. As she shifted files to make room in my limited office space she placed them anywhere at all, without regard for keeping them in proper order. I discovered this only after she left. So, it is possible that in shifting to make space she merely stuck this file the first place that seemed convenient for her. From time to time I encounter these things and correct them. I found a "T" file among the "s" files just yesterday and filed it correctly.

There is also a certain amount of disorder for which this young woman is not responsible. This comes from the fact that to begin with I was broke and could not buy file cabinets when I needed them and from the fact that it was not possible for me to sit down and figure out a filing system. Some of this disorder is in the files relating to those Cubans who figure in the JFK assassination investigations. We had no knowledge of their activities to begin with and for the most part the information I did get over a period of time could be filed in more than one place. Some is in a CIA file, some is under names and some under Cuban activities.

It may interest you to know that Roy Hargraves, who neither looks like nor talks like a thug, quoted Robert Frost accurately while we were together and then I discovered in placing a copy in his file that more than two decades ago he had entered a guilty plea to bombing SDS offices in southern California - and that instead of facing a serious felony charge he was charged only with a misdemeanor. I knew he'd been suspected of killing a fellow soldier-of-fortune. I recalled not believing that he had been this ~~murdered~~ and I still do not believe it. But I'd forgotten his domestic violence and this bombing. This is a man who discussed novels and accurately quoted the "promises to keep" Frost poem!

(Hall is said to have visited a Cuban refugee in Dallas, Sylvia Odio before the assassination and to have been accompanied by a man named Oswald, who'd said that JFK should be killed and he'd show them how.)

Best wishes,

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